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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: MOLDING BASE PAPER AND MOLDED
BASE PAPER VESSEL PRODUCED
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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 7, 10, 15 and 16 as follows:

1. (Amended) A molding base paper which complies with the following conditions

(1) to (4):

(1) a tensile strength (JIS-P 8113) of at least 2.0 kN/m,

(2) an elongation at break (JIS-P 8113) of at least 1.5 %,

(3) a critical compression stress, defined by the following formula, in the range of 1

to 10 MPa:

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